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1048 South Main—Unit 19
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Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Regarding: Raised Bill No. 5249
AN ACT CONCERNING COPAYMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES.

Dear Co-Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

I am an Occupational Therapist serving adults who struggle with mental illness, full-time, on the inpatient behavioral health unit of The Hospital of Central CT (New Britain General Campus). I screen or evaluate, establish an OT plan of care and goal, contribute to the Master Treatment Plan, offer individual and group treatment, note progress, reassess or offer a special evaluation, and plan for discharge. I lead OT groups, like goal setting, coping skills, expressive media/ self-expression, work/ productivity skills, life skills, recreation, and leisure skills/ healthy lifestyle.

Please pass Raised Bill No. 5249. This legislation would be an extension of last year's Public Act No. 13-307 (House Bill 6546), which similarly limited the co-payments for physical therapy services. OT and PT should be treated equally.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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